with India. Both sides while expressing satisfaction at the growth in bilateral trade between the two countries desired that collaborated efforts may be made by both sides to assist the Indian exporters to have access to a more significant share of Swedish market. To reduce the growing trade gap, the Indian side requested to step up Sweden's imports from India and suggested the products that could be considered namely plantation and marine products, leather goods, gems and jewellery, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, electronics and computer software, textiles and handicrafts. In response, the Swedish side suggested that Swedish Import Council could assist and advise the Indian companies in their endevour for exports to Sweden.

An interactive session was also held between Swedish Businessmen and Senior Officers of various Ministries/Departments of Government of India to discuss the issues relating to WTO, Revenue, Taxation and other matters.

All these efforts will go a long way in expanding bilateral trade and investment relations between the two countries.

Improvement in labour law

†3883.SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an immediate need to improve the labour laws to make our foreign-trade competitive in the international market successful!;

(b) if so, the reaction of Govement thereto;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for amending the labour laws; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

† Original Notice of the question \vas received in Hindi.